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NOTE.—The accompanying brief presentation, of the Regulations and Management of JACKSON STREET HOSPITAL, is intended to lessen the amount of necessary correspondence; and, to avoid delay to those wishing to avail themselves of infirmary accommodations.

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INFIRMARY.

A convenient and comfortable abode for Negroes, during the treatment necessary for Surgical and Chronic Diseases, is an acknowledged advantage to the Patient, the Owner, and the attending Physician. Although it is not always possible to secure it, both humanity and interest suggest that our Servants should receive all that is material in those comforts and attentions, which, we ourselves, so much crave during prolonged illness, and which contribute so largely to a rapid and perfect recovery.

The usual arrangements of most families and plantations, do not admit of ample provision being made for the treatment, careful regimen, and nursing of negroes in protracted cases, upon any efficient plan which is consistent with economy. The owner, under such circumstances, is often subjected to serious loss in the time of nurses and attendants, or the patient suffers grievously—frequently incurring risk of life for the want of them.

Negroes, on the other hand, it is well known, are negligent of themselves, especially when, from the nature of the case, the treatment has to be long continued. They are imprudent in Diet, and often careless; exposing themselves unless properly restrained. They are derelict in taking medicine, and unless judiciously managed, are guilty of many imprudences and irregularities, calculated to render the most skillful treatment of the Physician entirely nugatory; the medi-

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cines prescribed are not properly taken, and the recovery is therefore, either imperfect, or no benefit at all is derived. In consequence of these difficulties, the treatment of chronic and surgical diseases among Negroes in private practice, has become unsatisfactory and undesirable to most practitioners, and the cases often become an opprobrium to the Physician, and an annoyance and an eye-sore in the yards and on the plantations of their Owners. Hence, it will be perceived, that some well ordered establishment, upon a liberal basis, securing to this class of patients, the constant care of experienced Nurses, and the immediate supervision of Physicians, becomes a great desideratum in favoring a successful result.

The undersigned desirous of supplying this great need in the State of Georgia, and the adjoining States, and feeling persuaded that many valuable negroes are rendered useless, for the want of proper accommodations of this kind, established, ten years ago, AN INFIRMARY for such a purpose.

JACKSON STREET HOSPITAL was built, all its internal arrangements ordered and was carefully furnished, with direct reference to this specific object. It is located in a desirable part of the City of Augusta, in convenient vicinity to the Georgia and Savannah Rail Road Depots, and in sight of both.

This establishment is kept amply provided with all the appliances for the treatment of Sick Negroes, and those requiring Surgical operations. The rooms are furnished with the proper bedding and other accommodations; and Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths are, at all times, convenient on each floor of the building. The Resident Physician, and both Male and Female Nurses, are in constant attendance, and

every effort is made to render the patients comfortable, and to carry out effectually, the directions of the attending Physician and Surgeon.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

CONSULTATIONS, &c.

Visits and Consultations with other Physicians of the City, will be called at the request of the owner, or under circumstances of great emergency, when known to be for his, or the patient's interest; but Patients sent to Jackson Street Hospital, are placed strictly, under the sole control and personal Medical and Surgical Treatment of the undersigned proprietors.

CONTROL OF PATIENTS.

It is sometimes necessary to assert authority that we may preserve order and good behaviour on the premises, and to enforce the salutary rules of the establishment. Servants requiring treatment in this Institution, will be cared for and dealt with by the proprietors, in every respect, as if they were their own.

DESIGNATION OF CASES.

The cases for which our accommodations and appliances are particularly suited, are:

1*st.* All cases requiring *Surgical Operations;* as Amputations, the removal of Tumors, the operation for radical cure

of Hernia, designed to do away with the necessity for Trusses. Those cases resulting from Injuries, Deformity, Diseased Growths, as Tumors, Cysts, Wens, &c., as Stone in the Bladder, Gravel, Stricture, &c. Fractures, Dislocations, Diseased Joints and Bones, etc., etc. Rupture, Hydrocele and Perineal Fistula.

2*nd.* All *Chronic Diseases* which may be considered amenable to treatment; such as, Scrofulous Affections, Venereal Diseases and their consequences, many diseases of the Eye, Diseases of the Skin, Ulcers of the Leg, Nervous and Convulsive Affections, Dropsy, Rheumatism, and Dyspepsia.

3*rd.* *Diseases of Women* in their various forms—as Vesico-Vaginal Fistula, from injury to the Bladder during Labor, Prolapsus of the Uterus or Bladder, Uterine Polypus, Hysteria, and the many disorders of Menstruation, so common among negroes.

4*th.* An *Obstetric Ward* has been provided for the accommodation of cases of Midwifery, whenever it is deemed expedient to use a hospital for such a purpose, either on account of imperfect arrangements at the homes of owners, or where difficult labor is apprehended.

Two of the diseases in the above enumeration, viz: Vesico-Vaginal Fistula and Hernia, in its various forms, are, by no means, uncommon among negroes, often rendering the unfortunate subjects *worse than useless* to their owners. Both these affections are now entirely and permanently curable by Surgical treatment under favorable circumstances.

N. B.—No case of acute contagious disease can be admitted, for fear of injury to other patients.

TERMS.

Board, Lodging, and Nursing per month, $10.00 Surgical Operations and Medical attendance, at the same rates of ordinary Practice in this city.

OUTFIT OF PATIENTS.

Patients may bring with them their ordinary wearing apparel, but we prefer that all bedding and bed-clothing should be left at home, as an ample supply will be found at the Hospital.

RECEPTION OF PATIENTS.

Patients sent by Rail Road, or Steamboat, will be received at the Depots and carefully conducted or conveyed to the Infirmary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of Inquiry addressed to either of the Proprietors, at this place, will meet a prompt and full reply.

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